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SUBJECT: NSCE: VISIT OF SOVIET OFFICIAL

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1. THE MFA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CSCE AFFAIRS, KERSTIN ASP, HAS BRIEFED US ON VISIT TO STOCKHOLM OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR BELOKHVOSKTIKOV TO DISCUSS CSCE. ASP TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT VISIT CONTAINED "NOTHING SURPRISING," AND SAID BELOKHVOSKTIKOV SIMPLY REPEATED SOVIET VIEWS ON CSCE ENUNCIATED AT PARTY CONGRESS.

2. FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BELOKHVOSKTIKOV  
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AND SWEDISH HOSTS WAS NEXT YEAR'S BELGRADE CONFERENCE. IT

WAS CLEAR, ASP SAID, THAT SOVIETS VISUALIZE A SHORT MEETING IN BELGRADE, WITH A 4-6 WEEK PREPARATORY MEETING FOLLOWED BY THE CONFERENCE LASTING ONLY A FEW DAYS. THE SOVIETS WANT THE MEETING TO ISSUE A PROTOCOL SETTING FORTH A GENERAL OUTLINE FOR THE FUTURE. IN PARTICULAR THEY APPEARED TO WANT TO AVOID ANY TYPE OF "ACCOUNTING" ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CSCE PRINCIPLES, ASP CONTINUED. THE SOVIETS INDICATED THAT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL FOR THE BELGRADE MEETING WOULD BE VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS OR SECRETARIES GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRIES.

3. ASP SAID GENERAL IMPRESSION OF SWEDES WAS THAT SOVIETS WANTED TO "FEEL US OUT" ON BELGRADE. SHE SAID THEY DID NOT SEEM VERY CLEAR IN THEIR OWN THINKING ABOUT THE MEETING, EXCEPT THAT THEY WANT IT SHORT AND WITH THE EMPHASIS ON THE POSITIVE. BELOKHVOSKTIKOV INDICATED THAT HIS VISIT WAS JUST THE "FIRST ROUND" IN SERIES OF TALKS SOVIETS WISHED TO HOLD WITH OTHER CSCE COUNTRIES, AND HE SAID SOVIETS WOULD WISH TO MEET WITH SWEDES AGAIN CLOSER TO TIME OF BELGRADE MEETING.

4. ACCORDING TO ASP, SOVIET POSITION ON THEIR PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCES ON THE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY SEEMED MORE "FLEXIBLE" THAN THAT TAKEN BY SOVIET CSCE AMBASSADOR MENDELYEVICH IN HIS VISITS TO OTHER NEUTRAL CAPITALS LAST MONTH. SWEDES EMPHASIZED THAT THEY CONSIDERED ECE SUITABLE FORUM FOR SUCH CONFERENCES, OR AT LEAST THAT SOME LINK SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ECE AND CONFERENCES. ASP SAID SWEDISH IMPRESSION WAS THAT RUSSIANS WANTED CONFERENCES MENTIONED IN SOME KIND OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, AND WERE WILLING TO COMPROMISE TO OBTAIN THAT.

5. BELOKHVOSKTIKOV ASKED THE SWEDES IF THERE WERE ANY AREA OF CSCE THAT THEY WISHED TO STRESS AT BELGRADE. SWEDES REPLIED THAT THEY BELIEVED PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES AND HUMANITARIAN CONTACTS, WHICH WAS MET BY STONY SILENCE FROM SOVIET SIDE, ASP SAID THAT WHEN SWEDES POINTED OUT THAT HELSINKI ACT CALLED FOR REVIEW OF CSCE  
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DEVELOPMENTS AT LATER MEETING, SOVIETS SEEMED SURPRISED AT SWEDISH ALLUSION TO THIS POINT.  
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